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SUBJ: COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM - CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

REF A. COTONOU 878 B. COTONOU 834 C. COTONOU 828 D. STATE 139218

1. AT MEETING WITH MIN OF PUBLIC WORKS CAPT AHOUEYA TODAY HE ASSURED ME DAHOMEAN GOVT WOULD MEET ALL CONDITIONS PRECEDENT SOONEST AND IN ANY CASE WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS OR FEW WEEKS. SEVERAL ACTIONS ARE ALREADY UNDZG WAY. HE COMMUNICATING WITH MIN OF FINANCE RE ASPECTS TOUCHING TO THAT MINISTRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT DELAY EHD OCCURRED, OWING TO BUREAUCRATIC TANGLES IN MINISTRIES CONCERNED. HE SAID DAHOMEAN GOVT ANXIOUS FOR BRIDGE/DAM TO GO FORWARD ON SCHEDULE AND WE COULD COUNT ON GOVT'S COOPERATION.

2. COMMENT: STRONGLY RECOMMEND FURTHER DELAY IN DEADLINE UNTIL JULY 30 FOR FULFILLMENT OF CONDITIONS PRECEDENT (C) (D) AND (F). WE SUGGEST FULL MONTH RATHER THAN 15 DAYS POST-PONEMENT BECAUSE GOVT IS IN THROES SERIOUS PGTITICAL CRISIS INCLUDING GENERAL STRIKE THAT ALSO INVOLVES CIVIL SERVANTS. IN VIEW MINITER'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND ASSURANCES, BELIEVE NOV 1, 1975, IS STILL REALISTIC DEADLINE FOR SATISFACTION OF CONDITIONS PRECEDENT (E) AND (H), PROVIDING REDSO DOES NOT FEEL THAT AFDB WILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES MEETING ITS CONDITIONS
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OF EFFECTIVENESS. IN OUR OPINION, NEIGHTER THIS GOVT NOR ANY

ALTERNATIVE GOVT WOULD WISH TO DELAY THE PROJECT. WE STILL
ENDEAVORING ARRANGE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE, TO MAKE
CERTAIN HE TAKES NECESSARY ACTION RE CONDITION PRECEDENT (F).
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